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JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL AT HONGKONG.

Secretary from London Embassy Appointed.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 27.

Mr. Teiji Tsubokami, Second Secretary at the Japanese Embassy, has been appointed Consul-General at Hongkong.

EXPLOITATION OF DUTCH OILFIELDS.

Batavian Company not Controlled by British Government.

The Hague, April 28.

The debate on the Djambi Oilfields Bill was resumed in the Second Chamber. The Minister for the Colonies, M. Graaff, contended that a contract was necessary with the Batavian Oil Company, because the latter's long-standing negotiations with the Government and its exploitation of the Palembang oilfields would be prejudicial to the interests of the Indies if concessions were given to another firm for a portion of the fields. It would be time to consider such concessions later if the partial exploitation of Djambi was favourable. M. Graaff disagreed with the statement that the British Government controlled the Batavian Company, and declared that there was no reason to fear trouble with America if the Batavian Company permitted exploitation. The United States were anxious to increase their oil possessions, but the Government of the Indies could regulate the Djambi output, and thus prevent international disputes. The speaker opposed the motion of M. Van Ravesteyn aiming at delaying exploitation until the native population obtained complete autonomy.

THE GERMAN PROPOSALS.

"Absolutely Unacceptable" Reported to be French View.

Paris, April 27.

It is stated in American circles that France has informed her Ambassador at Washington that the German proposals are absolutely unacceptable.

The Allied Decision.

Paris, April 28.

It is officially stated that the Reparations Commission has unanimously decided to fix the total reparations payable by Germany at 132 milliards of Gold marks.

The amount fixed is due under Art. 232, sec. II, also Annexure I, Part 8, of the Treaty. The figure has been arrived at after making deductions under Art. 238, but the amount does not include sums due by Germany under sec. 111, Art. 232, to meet the amounts borrowed by Belgium before November 11, 1918 (Armistice Day).

THE COAL STRIKE.

Outlook More Hopeful as Result of Government Offer.

London, April 27.

The coal outlook is more hopeful. Sir Robert Horne, conferring with the miners this morning, suggested the amount of Government help, which would mean a uniform reduction of wages of 3s. daily. A member of the Miners' Executive said afterwards that they were prepared to accept a national reduction of 2s. but believed that a compromise was inevitable. The conference of the miners with Sir Robert Horne this afternoon was adjourned till to-morrow morning.

JAPAN'S FIRST BRITISH-BUILT AIRSHIP.

Highly Successful Trial.

London, April 28.

The first airship built in Great Britain for the Japanese Government was successfully launched at Barrow-in-Furness. It belongs to the sea-scout class, and behaved splendidly in the trial flight. Several Japanese officers were aboard.

MR. WHITLEY UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED SPEAKER.

London, April 27.

The Right Hon. J. H. Whitley, the Deputy Speaker, has been unanimously elected Speaker of the House of Commons in succession to the Right Hon. James W. Lowther.

AMERICAN MARINE ENGINEERS.

Efforts to Avert Strike.

Washington, April 27.

Shipowners are endeavouring to avert a strike of marine engineers on May 1. Admiral Benson declared that a wages reduction of at least 15 per cent. is justified, owing to the great decline of ocean freights.

PLAGUE AT ALEXANDRIA WELL UNDER CONTROL.

Alexandria, April 27.

There have been no further cases of plague, which is well under control. There have been few cases altogether, the number mentioned in the message of the 21st inst. being due to a telegraphic misapprehension.

TRADE CONDITIONS IN THE STRAITS.

Unprecedented Excess of Imports.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

Singapore, April 27.

At the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Gibbons said the returns for 1919-20 largely explained Malay's tightness of money, from which they were severely suffering. The excess of exports in 1919 was \$190,000,000, but for 1920 there was an unprecedented excess of imports of \$150,000,000, due to heavy arrival of goods bought at inflated prices, in conjunction with decreased produce shipments and the slump in prices. There was still no clear sign of imminent recovery. Perhaps good would come out of evil, teaching them to run their businesses more economically and on a sounder basis.

F.M.S. FINANCES.

A Loan from Straits Settlements.

Singapore, April 27.

The Legislative Council has passed a Loan Bill to raise \$20,000,000 to re-lend to the Malay States for five years at seven per cent., ranking as a trustee security of the colony.

Mr. Perkins criticised the Bill as impairing future borrowing powers, and, if unsuccessful, impairing credit.

Mr. Nutt said the Loan was necessitated by the Malay States Loan of \$4,000,000 to Siam for forty years at four per cent. in 1909, to be paid from revenue for the purposes of railway construction and linking up the Malayan system. He contended that the Imperial Government would take over the Loan and reimburse the Malay States.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMANY'S NEW OFFER.

London, April 27.

The press comments on the new German offer dwell on its vagueness. The "Times" opines that its adoption by the Allies in its present form is out of the question. The "Daily Chronicle" thinks the offer much less impossible than its predecessor. The "Daily News" opines that the American Government is not likely to dismiss the terms as undiscussable and though Germany, perhaps, ought and can be constrained to do better the offer incomparably exceeds anything that France could extract by invading the Ruhr region. Paris semi-officially declares that the offer is quite unacceptable and entirely inadequate. American opinion is divided. While the New York Tribune characterises the offer as only the London offer in another guise and a bungling attempt to wreck the Peace Treaty, the "New York World" opines that the offer deserves the most thorough consideration. The "New York Times" declares that stripped of its conditions the offer would almost certainly be seriously considered by the Allies.

British Government's Reserved Attitude to German Offer. It is authoritatively stated that the attitude of the British Government as regards the new German Note is one of complete reserve. Nothing hitherto has been heard from Washington, but proposals published in Berlin are ambiguous as regards securities. Steps will be taken to obtain explanations in regard to them, especially as regards the term of years wherein the annuities are payable.

THE COAL CRISIS.

London, April 27.

The Union of Railwaymen's Executive decided that the embargo on the handling of coal mentioned on April 25 does not apply to coal for hospitals and public utility purposes of household use, but coal intended for commercial purposes. It was decided to use the whole of the force of the Union to secure unconditional reinstatement of the men suspended at Nottingham mentioned on April 26.

The sailing of the Narkunda has been postponed until 6th May owing to coaling difficulties. It is understood the Delta will deliver the Narkunda's Indian mail at Bombay and thereafter proceed to the Far East.

DUTCH EAST INDIES OIL.

The Hague, April 27.

The Standard Oil Company's request for an opportunity to participate in the exploitation of the Djambi oilfields proposes the formation of a company with the Dutch Government, conforming to the laws of the Dutch East Indies, and to which half the Djambi oilfields would be allotted on the basis of the Bill now before the Chamber, which proposes to entrust the whole of the oilfields to the Royal Dutch group, with participation of the Government. It is understood that M. Demurait will move in the Second Chamber that part of the oilfields be given to the Vander Khoven combine of Holland, and the Standard Oil.

THE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Havana, April 27.

Despite Lasker's desire to resign owing to illness, the committee is endeavouring to persuade Lasker to finish the series.

THE CAIRO CRISIS.

Cairo, April 27.

A new political situation fraught with the most serious difficulties has arisen, owing to Zagloul Pasha challenging the Ministry by demanding the abolition of martial law and the censorship and that the leadership of the delegation to London be placed in his hands. Zagloul Pasha, in a speech on April 25th, asserted that his collaboration with Adly Pasha, the Prime Minister, depended on the latter's acceptance of Zagloul Pasha's conditions. The resignation of the Ministry may possibly be imminent, which would involve the negotiations with Great Britain.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To-Day's Meeting.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber to-day. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. Claud Sovern, C. M. G.) presided and there were also present: H. E. the General Officer Commanding, Major Gen. Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.B.E., Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. S. C. B. Ross, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, Clerk of Council.

Hon. Mr. Chau Sin-ki, who takes the place of Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, who is on leave, took the oath.

THE STAMP BILL.

The only business before the Council, apart from the formal presentation of the report of the Finance Committee, was the continued consideration of the Stamp Bill, which the Council was passing in Committee when the adjournment was made on Monday. In the meantime the various clauses left over until to-day have been considered and when the Bill came on.

The Hon. Attorney General suggested that paragraph "f" in sub-clause 19 of clause 3 relating to marketable securities issued in the Colony, be omitted. It was proposed to give marketable securities a separate heading which would also be inserted in the schedule.

The Hon. Attorney General's suggestion was agreed to.

Referring to sub-clause 5, the Hon. Attorney General submitted a redraft in which the sub-clause was divided into two. Sub-clause 5 now dealt with civil liabilities and sub-clause 6 with criminal liabilities.

The new sub-clauses were agreed to.

Suggesting amendments to clause 6 (non-admissibility of unstamped instruments) the Hon. Attorney General explained that stamp duty was a civil debt due to the collector but as the clause was drafted the collector could never obtain stamp duty because he could not produce in evidence the unstamped document which was proof of the failure.

The amended draft was approved.

An amended draft to sub-clause 3, of clause 16, stamping by special leave, giving right of appeal from the decision of the collector to the Governor in Council on any point, was agreed to.

Clause 17, dealing with instruments executed out of the Colony, was slightly amended in order to comply with the clause in the existing Ordinance, which the Hon. Attorney General explained, had worked very well in past years.

The Hon. Attorney General moved that clause 41, liability in the case of corporate bodies and firms, be amended as follows:—

41. Liability in the case of corporate bodies and firms. (1) Where any obligation or liability is under the provisions of this Ordinance imposed upon a corporate body, and such obligation or liability is not discharged, every director, manager, secretary, and other officer, of the corporate body, who is wilfully a party to the default, and the said corporate body, shall be deemed to commit an offence against this Ordinance. (2) Where any obligation or liability is under the provisions of this Ordinance imposed upon a firm, and such obligation or liability is not discharged, every partner in the said firm, and every servant of the

said firm, who is wilfully a party to the default, and the person appearing to have the management of the said firm within the Colony, shall be deemed to commit an offence against this Ordinance.

The clause, the Hon. Attorney General explained, had been divided into two parts, the first dealing with companies and other corporate bodies and the other with firms.

The general idea of the two clauses was to make the Company in the one case and the manager in the other responsible for failure to stamp. The amended clause was accepted.

The following additional clause was submitted:—

This Ordinance shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1921.

His Excellency the Governor said it was the intention to take the third reading of the Bill on Saturday. It would be gazetted and come into force on May 1st.

Hon. Mr. Pollock: Have you any objection to the Bill coming into force on a Sunday?

It was decided to amend the clause in order to read that the Ordinance should come into operation from May 2nd.

The Council proceeded to amend the various headings in the schedule in accordance with the alterations and additions the clauses.

GERMANS MOCKING BRITAIN.

Jubilant Over Upper Silesia Plebiscite.

The Press Association Correspondent at Dusseldorf states that following upon the return of the plebiscite in Upper Silesia, the Rhinelanders are insisting that all this province should go to Germany on the ground that it is an economic, political and cultural State. Chauvinists are exalting over Germany's triumph, which they say was obtained notwithstanding the Polish terror supported by the French authorities. In so far as the local Press is concerned, Great Britain is becoming more and more an object of mockery. The continuance of the talk in Great Britain regarding the prosecution of German war criminals is derided as a "comedy and harlequinade."

The organ of the Social Democracy party joins in the chorus of German self-congratulation saying, "the German people are justified in feeling proud at their new success."

Even the Communist paper notes without comment the great majority for Germany. German business men are watching with the greatest attention the relations between Great Britain and Soviet Russia, and, judging by Press comment, they are apprehensive Mr. Lloyd George should steal a march on them. They are quite unaffected by any humanitarian considerations.

Reports of meetings of industrial companies during the last few days continue to recommend dividends of between 11 and 30 per cent.

BOHEMIANS JOIN CZECHO-SLOVAK CHURCH.

The *Reichspost*, the leading Austrian Catholic organ, learns from Prague that since the break-up of the Monarchy over one million Catholics in Bohemia have left the Church, including eighty thousand at Prague. The majority of the people in the industrial centres do not belong to any religious body, but the peasants in the main have joined the new Czecho-Slovak Church, which is uniting with the Serbian Orthodox Church. In the German-speaking district of Bohemia the anti-Catholic movement has met with little success, and the 2,500,000 Catholics in Slovakia are almost unaffected by the anticlerical agitation. It is stated that 171 priests have receded from the Roman Catholic Church. Sixty-one have joined the Czecho-Slovak Church.

NEW STRAITS LOAN.

We are informed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that they have received a telegram from their Singapore Office that a Straits Settlements Loan 1921 of \$30 millions will be issued on 2nd, May 1921, bearing interest at 7% p.a., payable half yearly, free of tax other than death duties—Issue price 100% repayable at par on 1st. May 1926.

A LARGE FISH.

Caught Off Gap Rock.

A large fish was caught by fishermen on Monday about a hundred yards to the south of Gap Rock. The fish is believed to be a Demon Ray, the Chinese name for it being "Koch Pan". The fishermen towed the fish to the small derrick landing and, by the aid of ropes, managed to haul it in and land it on the rock. The task was made easier as it was high water at the time.

The fishermen had to cut the fish into pieces, before they could manage to take it away with them. It is said that a similar fish was caught some years ago, off Gap Rock, by the same fishermen.

The size of the fish, from head to tip of tail, was 12 feet 6 inches. The tail alone was 4 feet, the tip of one wing to the other was 14 feet 6 inches, the mouth was 20 inches long, and weight of the fish was about 1½ tons.

CANTON NEWS.

Hongkong Merchant "Wanted".

It is stated that Dr. Sun Yat-sen is concerned over the financial position of the new Government and has expressed his intention to establish a Finance Commissioner's Department in the Presidential Palace. Rich merchants in Canton, Hongkong and other places abroad will be appointed members of the Department, whilst it is rumoured that a certain rich-merchant of Hongkong will be chosen as the Chief.

A reward has been issued for the arrest of a merchant named Tam (said to be of Hongkong) who is accused of being a traitor to the Kwangtung Government and a supporter of the Kwongsi party. All his property in Canton has been seized. It is later stated that he has been pardoned on offering a shipyard of his at Canton to the Government for use as a Naval Yard.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Montague from Portland are given the customary notice on Page 5.

After May 1st the Permit office of the Imports and Exports Department will be closed at 1 p.m. on Saturdays.—Page 4.

On Saturday morning at the Kowloon Godowns, Messrs. Lammer Bros. are selling a quantity of gunnies.—Page 4.

A quantity of miscellaneous goods are being auctioned by Messrs. Lammer Bros. at their Sales Rooms on Saturday.—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2s. 6¼d.

The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer—29.84. Temperature—78. Humidity—75.

Lighting Up Time.

Lighting-up time to-day is 4.45 p.m.

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SCENE AT THE NATIONAL
LIBERAL CLUB.

The Irish Question.

A lively and crowded meeting
took place at the National Lib-
eral Club recently to protest against
murder and reprisals in Ireland.

Mr. J. M. Robertson was in the
chair supported by Sir John
Simon, Lord Crewe, Lord
Buckmaster, and Sir Donald
Maclean. There were 400 mem-
bers present.

A resolution was before the
meeting condemning alike mur-
ders and outrages in Ireland and
deploring the "condonation by
the Prime Minister and other
members of the Government of
the policy of reprisals," and
while it was being read there
was considerable opposition, the
name of Premier being cheered
in several parts of the room.

Major H. E. Crawford referred
to the Premier as the "mean and
fervid little man who betrays
every cause he undertakes." A
roar of approval and rival protests
greeted this, and the Major could
not make the rest of his speech
heard.

A member, rising to a point of
order, asked if the allegation that
the Prime Minister had "betrayed
every cause with which he was
associated" was to be permitted
from the chair, for the statement
was a lie. (Loud cheers and
uproar.)

The Chairman declined to
recognise the interruption as a
point of order.

"VENGEANCE FOR JUSTICE."

Before Sir John Simon spoke
there was a cry of "A Home
Rule Bill is on the statute book,"
and it was met with another of
"Go back to Vienna."

By the time Sir John was on
his feet the interrupters had
mostly exhausted themselves, and
he had little trouble in enun-
ciating his plea that, bad and
deplorable as murders were,
Government reprisals of a
systematic character were
infinitely worse.

Sir John frankly admitted that
we should be miserable, poor-
spirited creatures if, when com-
rades of murdered men indulged
in spasmodic looting and hit back
in hot blood, we did not under-
stand and sympathise with their
feelings.

But there was nothing "spas-
modic" about Balbriggan and
Trim. (Loud cheers.) To substitute
vengeance for justice was not and
could never be the policy, he said,
of any true Liberal—(cheers)—
or of any genuine member of the
National Liberal Club. (Loud
cheers.)

Sir John closed by an appeal
to all Liberals to join in a crusade
to stop the criminal folly of
answering murder with murder.

ANGRY COALITIONISTS.

When the chairman rose to put
the resolution dissociating the
National Liberal Club from any
acquiescence in the Government's
condonation of reprisals, an in-
dignant group of vociferous
Coalition M.P.s demanded to
speak on the motion.

The Chairman told them to vote
against it, and Col. John Ward,
M.P., and Mr. Harry Fildes, M.P.,
and other Coalitionists yelled.

"Do you call that free speech,
or free Liberalism?"

"Why don't you hear the other
side?"

"Are you afraid to hear the
truth?"

The Chairman waved them
down, and a forest of hands shot
up "for" and less than fifty
"against."

"HOLE AND CORNER MEETING."

Col. Ward tried his best from
the platform to make himself
heard, but nobody but the Press
knew that he was telling the Club
that he was as good a Liberal as
any of them, and was disgusted
with a hole-and-corner meeting,
in which only one side of a public
controversy was permitted to be
proclaimed.

While he was shouting the
meeting started "God Save the
King," and Sir John Simon left
amid the uproar.

Subsequently Mr. James Mac-
Donald chairman of the Coalition
Liberal group, presided at a meet-
ing, and the following resolution
was passed:—

"The Coalition Liberal mem-
bers of the National Liberal Club
repudiate the resolution of the
meeting of members of the Club
associating the Prime Minister
with the condonation of murders
and reprisals, and condemn the
utterly ill-Liberal methods of
the chairman in refusing to
allow a discussion on the official
resolution."

THE HEART OF GOOD
MANAGEMENT.

Harnessing the Sciences.

Scientific management is
nothing but the practical ap-
plication of many sciences to the
solution of a special type of
problem. Into practically every
business come the exact sciences:
economics in its most liberal
extension; statistics and the
imaginative treatment of figures;
psychology in its modern social
implications. There comes in as
well those descriptive sciences:
laws to govern our actions;
geography, natural, commercial,
and physical.

What we have to seek, there-
fore, is not the setting up of a
science of management, as
though it were a thing apart, but
the drawing upon all science to
enrich our comprehension and
knowledge.

And by scientific methods I
am not thinking of the scientific
management which has been
exploited in America, and which
is now spreading over here, states
Lord Ashfield of Southwell. I
am not thinking of merely
securing a greater practical
efficiency in detail, of getting
the greatest results out of the
least effort, excellent as all that
may be in its proper place.

I am thinking of the way in
which problems of management
should be tackled, not by trial
and error, not by guesswork, not
by slow and tentative adjust-
ments, but the knowledge gained
from ordered experience.

WISE BUSINESS STATEMANSHIP.

Business men all over the
country are beginning to be alive
to the need of thorough training
in this knowledge. Twenty years
ago the rule of thumb was the
standard of management, even
as the Chancellor's foot was once
the standard of equity in the
Courts. The rank and file toiled
along in a routine way, knowing
little except the task before them,
and performing that year in, year
out, in a perfunctory way,
without change or improvement,
except of a minor character.

Given right education, this
could not continue for healthy
unrest must burst into the office.
Such education cannot rob us of
our genius, and it will lift the
rank and file to a more intelligent
use of their faculties, and so bring
up the work to a higher general
level of attainment.

Nowadays the opposition of
labour to management looms large
and threatens at times the co-
operation that should hold its
place. No one can doubt that
labour is making rapid advances.
It tries to learn, and it is begin-
ning to understand, through un-
certainly. This is all to the
good.

But unless management will
also make rapid advances it will
be hard put to it to maintain its
position. It, too, must try to
learn. It must understand more
thoroughly. Labour problems
are not the peculiar problems of
a particular industry. They are
much broader. They have their
roots in political and social
aims. Their solution demands
an experience of affairs beyond
the confines of a single business.

Every settlement with labour is
only a specialised accommodation
comprised in some vaster move-
ment. It is but a crowning in-
stance of the point I have been
trying to make, that only by the
widest light the ability, the states-
manship that is at the heart of
good management.

THE UNIVERSAL Y OF
COMMERCE

It is easy to know things,
difficult to know men. Given a
sound character, it is only by a
liberal and extended experience
of affairs that an officer can
handle successfully those labour
problems which bulk so large, and
occupy so much of our time.

I do not want to labour the
point, but it is essential to good
organisation and sound manage-
ment, as I see it, to widen the
practical experience of those who
are to succeed us and, we trust,
excel us. It is essential to add to
an earnest training in the schools
a varied practice and a broad out-
look in business.

Education is never done. It is
not once or twice that we need
provocation of an altered post, a
new position. It is all our life
long, if we are seeking to come
out to the top and be a leader.
Teaching by doing is the key to
business education, and the
crucial point is to continue the
education long enough to turn out
a great man, stirring the mind to
conquer ever new fields of
endeavour. Our duty is to see to
it that there is that environment
in business which will bring out

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the verge of a nervous break-
down. Night sounds excite them
and silence depresses them.
What little sleep they get does
not refresh them and each day
finds them a little weaker than
the day before.

The first thing to realize in
seeking relief from insomnia is
that it is not a disease but a sym-
ptom. Narcotics will produce
sleep but they will not remove the
cause of sleeplessness. If the
victim of insomnia is pale and
losing weight and strength, and
indigestion, it is reasonably cer-
tain that the cause of the trouble
is thin blood. The problem then
is to find a blood-builder that is
non-alcoholic, free from habit-
forming drugs and is of proved



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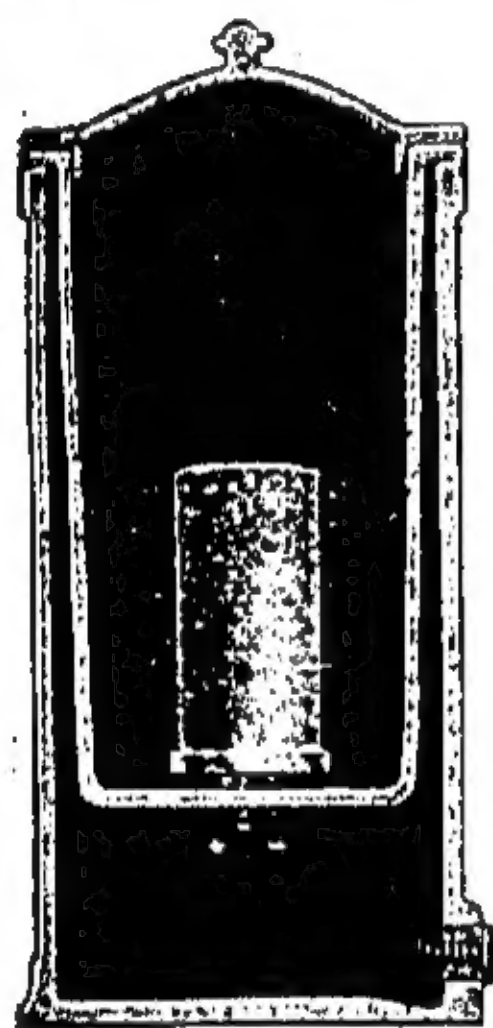
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POWERS OF MILITARY COURTS IN IRELAND.

Judgment in an Important
Test Case.

Judgment was given in the Dublin Law Courts recently upon the important test case involving the whole powers of the Military Courts in Ireland.

The judgment arose out of the application made in the case of John Allen, of Bank Place, Tipperary, who was sentenced to death by the Military Court for being in possession of a revolver and ammunition, and a document dealing with the subject of midnight fighting.

The application was directed to annul the proceedings of the Military Court on the ground that they were illegal, beyond jurisdiction, and that the tribunal had no power to impose the capital sentence for the offence with which Allen was charged.

Judgment was delivered by the Lord Chief-Justice, who was accompanied by Judges Gibson, Gordon, Moore, and Samuels.

The Lord Chief-Justice said that though it was the duty of the Court to protect the lives and liberties of subjects, it was none the less their duty not to interfere with officers of the Crown in taking steps which they believed necessary to suppress insurrection.

The application was dealt with under four heads:-

First.-Was there a state of war justifying the application of martial law?

Second.-What were the powers of the Executive Government in dealing with armed insurrection?

Third.-Could a Military Court act having regard to the fact that the Courts of Justice in the area were open?

Fourth.-Could the military impose sentence of death, having regard to the fact that the provisions of the Restoration of Order Act and the Firearms Act of 1920 imposed minor penalties for the same offence.

On all those points the Court found in favour of the Military administration.

The Lord Chief-Justice explained that under martial law the Military Courts were not in strictness Courts at all. The Court of King's Bench could not control the military authorities on the question of any sentence imposed under martial law.

The Court, after giving full consideration to all the points, had come to the conclusion that they had no jurisdiction to interfere with the proceedings or sentences of the Military Court, consequently the application was refused.

EX-KAISER'S DREAMS.

Babbling About His Old Plots.

"Comparative Historical Tabulations from 1884 to the Outbreak of War in 1914" is the title of the ex-Kaiser's new book, from which the Dutch Socialist newspaper *Het Volk* publishes extracts of his reactionary political views.

About seven private copies have been printed and presented only to personal friends and relatives.

The first part of the book describes events in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Britain, France, the United States, Japan, Russia, Turkey, and the Balkan States. This part is intended to support the German official version. It is suggested that under Britain's leadership there had been plots to isolate Germany, and that the demands of Serbia had nothing to do with the war.

The second part contains a "review of things pertaining to 1914." It deals with the "mobilisation of English banks in April 1914" and the "beginning of English mobilisation in June 1914."

The ex-Kaiser declares that Russian mobilisation began on June 15, but says nothing of the German and Austrian mobilisation, and insists on the already well-known German version that the Allied mobilisation made war unavoidable.

"This document (says *Het Volk*) is convincing proof that the ex-Kaiser has other ideas than the number of trees he has felled. In the letter accompanying the book from 'His Majesty Kaiser and King William the Second,' it is stated that 'His Majesty does not desire that the 'historical tabulations,' or quotations from it shall appear or be criticised in the Press, although there is no objection to spreading his ideas in friendly circles.' From this it would appear that the ex-Kaiser still considers

LABOUR REALISES A MISTAKE.

Laws of Economics
not Changed.

At the annual general meeting of the Institution of Naval Architects at the Royal United Services Institution, London, the Earl of Duham, the retiring president, was presented with an original picture by Gunnard Gribble of the sinking of the German Fleet.

Returning thanks, he said whilst the German Fleet had ceased to exist, the German was as treacherous as ever, and would be to the last.

The Duke of Northumberland was elected president.

In the course of his address he referred to the depression in the shipbuilding trade, due to a variety of causes—impoverished condition of Central Europe, the state of the foreign exchanges, general dislocation of industry.

"There is a very great ferment in the ranks of Labour," he said, "and it is one of the most pressing problems that we have before us. Labour imagined that, as a result of the war, the laws of economics had suddenly undergone a profound change."

Labour imagined that capital and enterprise could be substituted by a new system, by which all the profits of industry could be distributed amongst the employees. The utility of control by Government Departments has been realised, and Labour is realising the fallacy of the various forms of nationalisation.

"It is a subject of national concern, however, that the lesson can only be learned at the expense of much suffering caused by widespread unemployment."

"Much of the unemployment is due directly to strikes and threats of strikes in the coal mining industry, which is the basis of our whole industrial life."

"It is this that has driven away our foreign customers, and which has deprived us temporarily at least of our export trade."

"I am glad to think that it is now being realised by the miners themselves, and there are signs of agreement being reached between employer and employed on the principal that Labour shall share in the profits of the industry. That is the only real foundation on which a lasting settlement can be obtained."

"If it can be recognised that labour shall be made a charge on industry, we may look forward with hope to operation, and mutual interest between employers and employed which will remove the perils, social and industrial, confronting the nation to-day." (Hear, hear.)

BETTING PARTNERSHIPS HELD TO BE LEGAL.

Lady Club Member and her Losses on the Turf.

An important decision relating to partnership betting businesses was given by Mr. Justice McCardie last month in an action brought by Messrs. Michael Jeffrey and Co., of Green-street, W. C., against Miss E. C. Bamford, a member of the Empress Club, Doverstreet.

They sought to recover £97 paid to Miss Bamford for bets won on horse races.

His lordship pointed out that plaintiffs would not have brought the action but for the fact that Miss Bamford, while keeping her winnings, refused to pay her losses.

She based her defence on the point that the bookmakers sued as partners, and she contended that a partnership to carry on a betting business was either illegal or impossible in law.

If the Court, said his lordship, recognised a single proprietor of a betting business, he saw no good reason, in public policy, why they should not recognise, as they had done, a betting partnership.

He gave judgment for the sum claimed, with costs.

himself William II., surrounded by a Court, and not only still full of his old political ideas, but also trying to propagate them. In other words, he is still a dangerous personality, and in view of the fact that monarchical feeling in Germany recently increased William is the centre of the danger. This latter would be a superfluous statement if we felt that the guarding of both Hohenzollerns was carried out in the most efficient manner possible.

MAN WHO SAVED US FROM DISASTER.

Late Lord Moulton's War Services.

Principal A. P. Laurie, Edinburgh, writing to the Scotsman with regard to the death of Lord Moulton, states:-

Lord Moulton has passed away with little notice by the general public, who have never realised the vital part that he played in enabling us to win the war.

I remember well when in the autumn of 1914 the attention of the Board of Trade was devoted to the question of taking advantage of the opportunity to stimulate the chemical industries in this country with a view to successful competition with Germany after the war a Committee was appointed, with Lord Haldane as Chairman and Lord Moulton as Vice-Chairman. None of us realised at that time the appalling condition of unpreparedness on the part of the War Office to meet the modern condition of warfare. We know of our great explosive factories and munitions factories, and imagined that all was well in this direction.

Lord Moulton with characteristic energy, threw himself into the problem of improving our chemical manufactures, and his house at the West End became a small Government Department, run by himself, for developing our chemical industries; but before Christmas had arrived it was evident that the situation, at any rate as far as high explosives were concerned, had dawned upon the Government, and Lord Moulton was rapidly switched off on to the question of high explosives. Quickly he gathered round him an expert chemical staff, and in the course of an extraordinarily short time had organised the new manufacture of explosive throughout the country, had transformed existing chemical works, and had built new works which are magnificent examples of the latest and finest construction in chemical plant. During the rapidly expanding demand for munitions, whatever difficulties there might be about guns and shells the supply of high explosives never failed, and every demand was met.

There is probably no other example so extraordinary of a man who, though originally trained in mathematics and pure science, had devoted his whole life to practice in the Courts of Law at Lord Moulton's advanced age becoming suddenly responsible for the creation of a huge new industry and for dealing with practice questions, which were on a scale that might well have appalled one of our great industrial magnates. It was all so quietly done that the country and the Government never seem to have realised how much they owed to his efforts.

The papers speak of his sleeplessness. I well remember how much he suffered from insomnia during the war under the tremendous strain, to which he was put and how often the only way in which he could get sleep was by being rushed through the country in an open motor car at some 40 miles an hour. After a couple of hours' sleep under these conditions he would come back again with renewed energy, prepared to work both day and night.

There is no doubt that Lord Moulton was a great man, who did great work for his country, and who saved us from disaster.

GENERAL NEWS.

ETON BOYS FILMED AS FIRE FIGHTERS.

A film was taken recently of Eton boys as fire fighters at Eton Fire Station.

NO SUNDAY CINEMAS FOR ISLE OF MAN.

At Ramsey, Isle of Man, the magistrates refused to grant any licences for Sunday cinemas.

ETON SCHOLARSHIPS.

The examination for election to foundation scholarships at Eton will be held at the college on May 31 and June 1 and 2.

CRICKETERS OR JOURNALISTS.

The Committee of the Surrey Country Cricket Club has passed the following resolution:- "That the Committee are of opinion that it is very undesirable for Surrey Cricketers—amateur or professional—to write comments or articles in the Press on matches, in which they are engaged, while the matches are in progress. The Surrey captain, P. G. H. Fender, a member of the M. C. C. team to Australia, contributed reports to the Press.

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AN UNFORTUNATE PHOTOGRAPH.

Miss Cicely Debenham's Action For Libel.

Miss Cicely Debenham, the well-known musical comedy actress, sought damages for libel from Messrs. D. C. Thomson and Co., Ltd., and Mr. W. F. Anckorn, the London editor of *Thomson's Weekly News* before Mr. Justice Darling and a special jury, in the King's Bench Division yesterday. She complained of the publication of a photo of herself standing by a child, accompanying which were the words:

"Starring in 'Who's Hooper'." Miss Cicely Debenham, who is playing in 'Who's Hooper' at the Adelphi Theatre, with her little daughter Peggie.

Miss Debenham is unmarried, and has never had a child.

Defendants said the picture was intended to be complimentary, and was published unwittingly, and they had since printed an apology for publishing what they now knew to be the photo of plaintiff with a friend's child.

Mr. Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Miss Debenham, said, although the defendants had apologised, the jury would be asked to form an opinion whether their apology was intended to be genuine, or whether it was a device resorted to in order to minimise the damages. The libel upon her was of a very serious kind.

As a result of the publication of the photo Miss Debenham received inquiries from different parts of the country as to how she came to have a child, what was the explanation of her having concealed the fact, and whether she was really married or not.

Cross-examined by Mr. Holman Gregory, K.C., for defendants Miss Debenham agreed that it was the practice for actresses to be photographed without paying for it, and the photo would be sold to the newspapers, as was done in this case.

You were only too glad to have it taken because you were getting advertisement out of it?—Yes.

Advertisement is the sun of your professional life?—Not quite.

Somewhere near it?—Yes. It was true, said plaintiff, that she had since become engaged to be married to Colonel Henderson, a well-known airman.

And since the publication of photo you have improved your professional position? You are playing the principal part in 'A Little Dutch Girl'?

"I have been playing principal parts for a long time," was the reply.

Counsel: Oh, have you? That shows my ignorance.

Mr. Oscar Asche said the photograph conveyed the idea to him that Miss Debenham was unmarried.

The hearing was adjourned.

£500 DAMAGES. When the case was resumed, Miss Cicely Debenham, musical comedy actress, was awarded £500 damages yesterday against the editor and proprietors of *Thomson's Weekly News*.

Miss Lilian Braithwaite, a member of the Council of the Actors' Association, said she thought the picture was harmful to the plaintiff.

Mr. Justice Darling said he did not think witnesses for the profession could help the jury in this particular profession.

His Lordship added: I think it is in Sergeant Ballantyne's life, or that of Montagu Williams, that he said it would be his professional ruin if somebody said he had been seen walking alone Piccadilly arm in arm with a Bishop. (Laughter.)

Mr. Fred Thompson, author of 'Who's Hooper?' in collaboration with Sir Arthur Pinero, said that last summer a member of Buck's Club spoke to him about the photographs.

Mr. Hastings: It means a club belonging to a Mr. Buck.

His Lordship: You do not mean that the people who belong to it are described as bucks? It is like White's Club, which does not imply that the people are white. (Laughter.)

For the defence, Mrs. A. Mann said that she acted as agent to

Miss Compton Collier, who took the photos. Witness sold them to the newspapers, with a 'caption' or description written on them.

Miss Bertha Sparks, secretary to Mrs. Mann, said that she prepared the caption which accompanied the photo. The error arose through the wording that was sent to her, which gave her the impression that the child was the plaintiff's.

Mr. George B. Duncan, managing editor of the newspaper, said that they had no animus against the plaintiff. It did not pay newspapers to publish libels.

Mr. Justice Darling, in summing up, said it could not be denied that the publication imputed unchastity, and for that the plaintiff was entitled to damages. The defendants did publish an apology and had said that the mistake was made innocently. The jury must consider was not that to a great extent a redress of the harm done? On the verdict, judgment was entered for £500 damages, with costs.

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 May, 1921 will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be
 left in the Godowns for examina-
 tion by the Consignees' re-
 presentative and the Company's
 Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and
 Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednes-
 day and Saturday. All Claims
 must be presented within ten
 days of the steamer's arrival here,
 after which date they cannot be
 recognized. No claim will be
 admitted after the goods have
 left the Godowns.

No fire insurance whatever will
 be effected.

Consignees are requested to
 send in their Bills of Lading for
 countersignatures immediately.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA,
 Y. YASUDA,
 Manager.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1921.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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The Steamship

"CHINA"

Having arrived from the above
 mentioned ports, consignees of
 cargo by her are hereby notifi-
 ed to send in their Bills of
 Lading duly endorsed for counter-
 signature and take immediate
 delivery from alongside the
 steamer and/or the Hongkong &
 Kowloon Wharf and Godown
 Co's hazardous and/or extra
 hazardous Godown where all the
 cargo impeding discharge will be
 landed at consignee's risk.

Goods not cleared by Wednes-
 day, May 5th 1921 will be subject
 to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged
 packages, are to be left in the
 Godowns where they will be ex-
 amined on Wednesday, May
 4th, 1921 at 10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted
 after the goods have left the
 steamer and/or godown.

All claims must be presented
 within four weeks of the ship's
 arrival, otherwise they will not be
 recognized.

No Fire Insurance whatsoever
 will be effected.

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The Steamship

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Consignees of Cargo are hereby
 informed that all Goods are being
 landed at their risk into the
 hazardous and/or extra hazardous
 Godowns of the Hongkong and
 Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.,
 Ltd., whence and/or from the
 wharves delivery may be
 obtained.

No Claims will be admitted
 after the Goods have left the Go-
 downs, and all Goods remaining
 undelivered after the 30th inst.
 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
 must be presented to the Under-
 signed on or before the 7th
 May, or they will not be
 recognised.

All broken, chafed and dam-
 aged Goods are to be left in the
 Godowns, where they will be
 examined on the 30th inst. at
 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
 effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
 signed by
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON
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 Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Company's Steamship

"ATSUTA MARU"

having arrived from the above
 ports. Consignees of Cargo are
 hereby informed that their Goods
 are being landed and placed at
 their risk in the Hongkong and
 Kowloon Wharf and Godown
 Company's Godowns at Kowloon,
 where each consignment will be
 sorted out mark by mark and de-
 livery can be obtained as soon
 as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried
 on unless instructions are given
 to the contrary before Noon, To-
 day.

Goods not cleared by the 4th
 May, 1921, will be subject to
 rent.

Damaged packages must be
 left in the Godowns for examina-
 tion by the Consignees and the
 Co's representatives at an ap-
 pointed hour on Tuesday and
 Friday. All claims must be pre-
 sented within ten days of the
 steamer's arrival here, after
 which date they cannot be re-
 cognized. No claims will be ad-
 mitted after the goods have left
 the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 27th April, 1921.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship

"MONTAGUE"

having arrived from Portland,
 Ore. via ports, on 28th inst.,
 consignees are hereby notified
 that their cargo is being landed at
 their risk into the Hazardous and
 or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of
 The Hon Shan Godown Co.,
 16 & 17 Kennedy Town Praya,
 Hongkong, and stored at con-
 signee's risk.

Consignees of cargo must pro-
 duce an Import permit signed by
 the Superintendent of Imports
 and Exports, Hongkong, before
 Bills of Lading will be counter-
 signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged
 cargo is to be left in the Godowns
 where it will be examined at 10
 a.m. on May 3rd by the Co's
 Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and
 Douglas.

All claims must be presented
 within thirty days of the steamer's
 arrival here, after which they
 cannot be recognized. No claim
 will be recognized after the goods
 have left the Godowns, and cargo
 undelivered on and after May
 4th 1921, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will
 be effected.

Consignees are requested to
 send in their Bills of Lading for
 countersignature immediately.

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PLUCKY LADY ASTOR.

Exciting Adventure at
Plymouth

Viscountess Astor, M. P., re-
 lates a remarkable experience
 which befell her recently.

She was accosted (says a Press
 Association Plymouth telegram)
 in the entrance hall of her Ply-
 mouth residence by a man, whose
 demeanour and language were
 extremely violent. With great
 vehemence he declared that he
 had served two terms of imprison-
 ment and would return to prison
 in a few days on her account.

"Are you threatening to kill
 me?" Lady Astor asked him, and
 he replied "yes."

Realising that any display of
 fear on her part might be followed
 by an attack upon her, Lady As-
 tor temporised with him, and
 eventually he left the house, but
 refused to give his name and ad-
 dress.

Determined to get the informa-
 tion, Lady Astor followed him,
 and when he observed her move-
 ments the man started to run.
 She did likewise, and followed
 him into some stables, where
 again she demanded to know his
 identity.

She said she felt that if he
 wanted to kill her he could easily
 do so, as there was no one about
 to render assistance.

Again her courage dismayed
 the man, for he took to his heels
 once more and ran into a public-
 house and out through the back,
 Lady Astor in close pursuit.

Within a short distance the
 man was secured. Lady Astor,
 however, expressed the wish that
 no legal proceedings should be
 taken against him.

RUSSO-NORWEGIAN AGREEMENT.

M. Meyer Brunn, Norwegian
 Minister of Commerce, states
 that the Russo-British trade
 agreement will remove the
 obstacles to an eventual Russo-
 Norwegian agreement.

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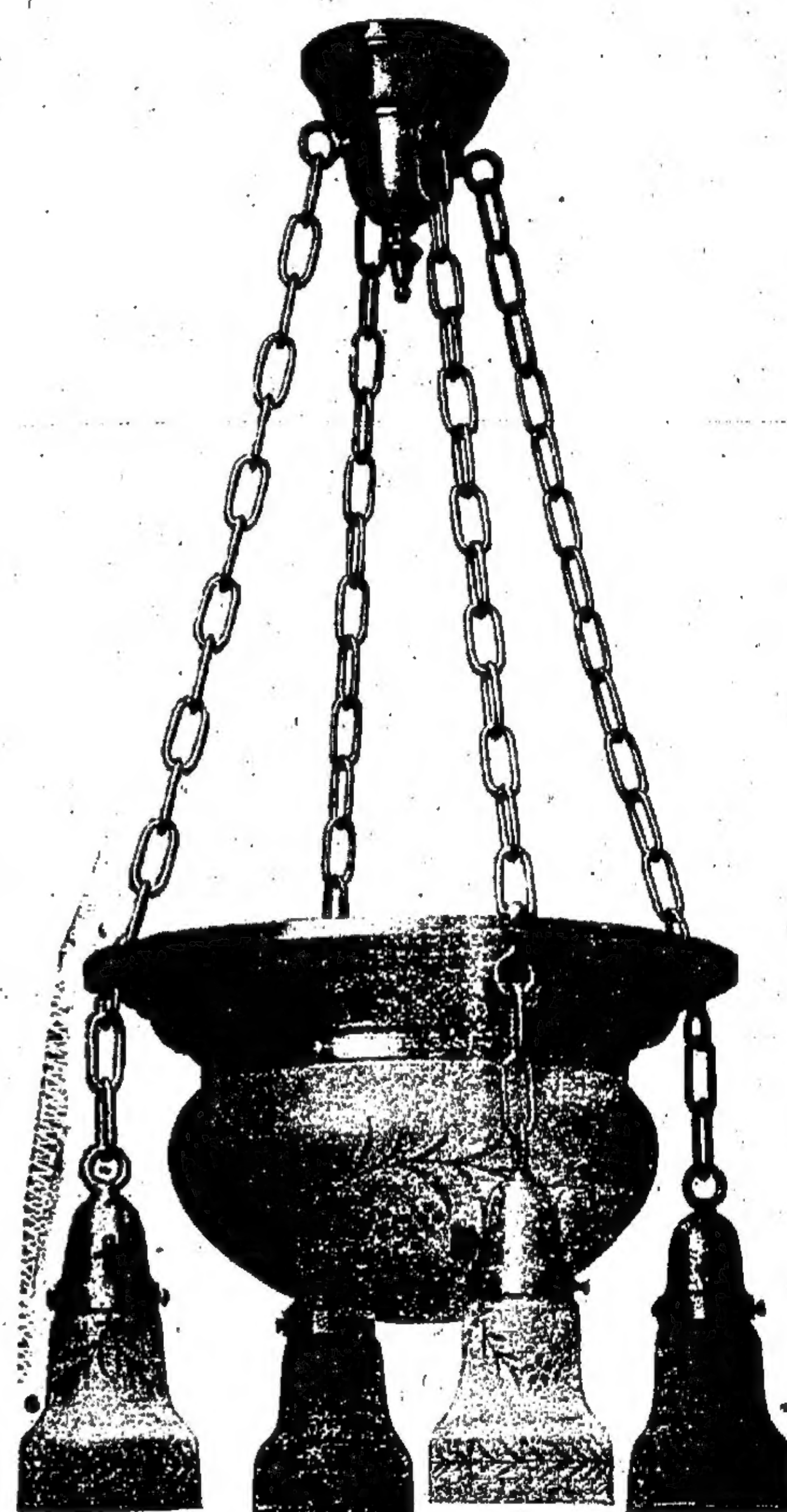
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THE WORLD'S PAWNSHOP.

Business Men's Support of
Ter Meulen Bond Scheme.

A representative meeting of
 Manchester merchants, exporters
 and manufacturers, so large that
 it overflowed the largest assembly
 room in the Town Hall,
 accorded its approval to the Ter
 Meulen Bond Scheme last
 month.

Sir Drummond Fraser, who
 has been appointed by the
 League of Nations Union as
 international organiser of the
 new movement, explained that
 under the scheme the Govern-
 ment of a needy country anxious
 to foster trade would go to the

League of Nations, as an
 individual would to a bank,
 specify its needs, and give
 security by pledging its definite
 assets against bonds or credits
 in favour of its importers.

The bonds would be lent to im-
 porters, who would forward them
 to exporters in foreign countries.

When the transaction was com-
 pleted the bonds would be releas-
 ed, handed back to the Govern-
 ment issuing them, and be
 available for financing other
 approved loans. Thus trade would
 flow and confidence be restored.

Sir Robert Horne had under-
 taken that, where transaction
 were approved, the Government
 will, not may, be responsible for a

guarantee of 85 per cent. of the
 amount involved.

Credit associations would also
 be formed, the effect of which
 would be to keep bonds from
 being needlessly thrown on the
 market. The effect of this would
 be to mobilise exchange.

"With the co-operation of
 business men and the public,"
 concluded Sir Drummond, "I am
 confident we shall make at least
 a beginning with the work of
 reconstruction that lies before
 European countries. The scheme
 will secure a revolving movement
 of exports and imports, growing
 continuously in velocity, and
 speeded up as time goes on by its
 own momentum."

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Marriage.

NEWCOMB—CRAIG.—On the 27th. of April, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Revd. J. T. Holman, M.A., Dudley De Burgh, younger son of the late Revd. H. Newcomb, to Dorothy Grace Hamilton, only child of the late Cyril Hamilton Craig, of Edinburgh.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1921.

THE DEPRESSION PERIOD.

When Reuter told us the other day that "ships were being given away with a pound of tea" he sacrificed accuracy for an apt metaphor. But indications are not wanting to prove that the depression which the shipping and shipbuilding industries are now suffering is one of the most serious that has ever had to be faced. Shippers in Hongkong know well enough the scarcity of freight there is offering and the latest report down from Shanghai tells us that a number of steamers have already been taken off the Pacific run and that others will shortly have to drop out. Reports from the Home go to show that steamers are working at a loss and that thousands of tons of shipping are lying idle.

It is just as well to remember that the shipping industry is scarcely to blame for this state of affairs. At the conclusion of the war every shipyard was inundated with orders and there was a trade boom which justified the close concentration on shipping output that marked the early days of peace. There was not enough shipping and the cry was for more and more. And then, unexpectedly, came the slump of last autumn. Trade depression was soon common to the whole world and the present position was made inevitable. One of the leading shippers at Home has put the present state of affairs very truly when he said at his company's meeting the other day:—"It is no use pretending that, at the moment, there is not more tonnage available than the world needs. Were it otherwise, the freight market would not be as it is. But the conclusion I draw is that the shipping industry has not by its own action brought the evil day upon itself. It is world trade which has fallen below the normal, and shipping for the time being has a surplus, not because it has positively overconstructed, but because it is relatively in excess through the stagnation of other industries. In the meantime, shipbuilding has been pulled up with a jerk; the increase, if any, will be negligible for some time. I may be wrong, but the comfort I find from the present position, as a shipowner, is that for a rational prosperity in our business we have only to wait for a return to normal in other trades and that we are not lying derelict waiting for an unnatural boom. As soon as world conditions become more stable, shipping will need no nursing and will be able to take care of itself."

Labour troubles, the still rising costs of operation and the insecurity of the international situation (a factor that is hampering trade more than most people are prone to realise) combine to explain the stagnation in shipping and industrial circles. The world is neither overstocked with goods, nor with ships; the insecurities and distrusts of the times account for the sluggish move of things. The coal strike at Home, the locking up of financial resources by those who have the control of them, the general spirit of unsettlement and all those other factors so well-known of more than explain the depression of the day. The essential is to get back to the days of trust and content enjoyed before the war. And we shall never get far unless we are prepared to give up something. In that there is a lesson for all of us.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Germany's "Maximum."

Berlin's Note to the United States outlining new proposals, with the statement that "these are the maximum Germany can offer," suggests that the measures taken by the Allies have brought the ex-enemy country to some sense of her responsibilities. It was impossible to establish any parity between the offers tendered by Dr. Simons in London last month and the Allies' claim of 11,500 millions sterling. This time Germany offers to accept liability up to two hundred milliard gold marks (say 10,000 millions sterling). At least such is the impression that a first reading gives. The proposal is qualified by the words "adapted to her capacity for production" up to the sum named, the capacity to be determined by an International Commission of Experts. This may mean that Germany is prepared annually to pay a sum to be settled from time to time by the Commission until the total reaches £10,000,000,000; or that she will make such payments for a fixed number of years, provided that they do not exceed the total named, and presumably signifying that her liability is then to end, whether the total has been reached or not. The alternative in the proposals of a capitalised sum of fifty milliard gold marks (say 2,500 millions sterling) rather suggests that Berlin has a fixed period in view if the long-term method is adopted this being taken as an approximation basis for calculating the present value. But how could Germany raise this amount at present? By an international loan, the Note opines. Is it a question whether the lenders would care for the investment. Germany also puts into official form her suggestion for settling part of the reparations claim by taking over the Allied debts to the United States. This proposal, probably acceptable to the Allies if there are no prejudicial conditions, is open to a similar question, to which the Washington Administration will supply the answer after consulting with the associated Powers. Anyhow, if Germany is sincere in her new offer, the solution of a huge problem is brought nearer. A message to hand this morning intimates that the new offer is unsatisfactory to France, and further developments will be awaited with unusual interests.

The Retiring Speaker.

A fine specimen of the polished country gentleman in the person of the Right Hon. James W. Lowther has just relinquished the Speakership of the House of Commons after holding that distinguished office since 1905, previously to which, as Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, he had been Deputy Speaker for ten years. The retiring Speaker's capacity has been well tested, for with the Parliament Act (by which the powers of the Upper Chamber were greatly reduced), the Irish question, fiscal reform, and huge industrial disputes, as well as the war period, feeling often ran high during his tenure of office. Combining broad sympathies with unobtrusive dignity, he won the esteem of all shades of opinion. A few years ago a presentation was made to Mr. Lowther at the House, the late Nationalist leader, Mr. Redmond, and the Labour spokesman vying with the representatives of the old parties in their tributes to his ability and impartiality. Mr. Lowther, who is only now in his sixty-sixth year, does not believe in the office remaining in the same hands for an abnormal period. As it is he has presided over the Commons for a much longer period than any other holder during the latter history of Parliament. The vote of thanks which the Commons accorded with acclamation to their retiring head was accompanied by a request that his Majesty would bestow a signal mark of favour upon Mr. Lowther. Presumably this connotes a peerage, which would take the ex-Speaker to the same Chamber as his kinsman, the Earl of Lonsdale, though that celebrated sportsman is a more familiar figure at the National Sporting Club than at Westminster.

The Trans-Siberian Route.

As one result of the Anglo-Russian trade agreement there is a prospect of again receiving Home mails overland. Here in the Colony we are not affected to the same extent as those located in Northern China, for while the distance by sea to here is shorter than to the ports higher up the land journey is longer. At the

DAY BY DAY.

THE FOOLISH AND THE DEAD ALONE NEVER CHANGE THEIR OPINION.—Lowell.

The French cruiser *Montcalm* came into harbour this afternoon and exchanged salutes with this port.

There were four cases of small pox notified yesterday, two of the sufferers being Indians and two Chinese. Two Chinese died from the disease.

Two men waylaid and attacked a Chinese at the No. 4 Railway Bridge at Kowloon yesterday. They relieved him of a sum of \$3 and made their escape.

Our military readers will be pleased to learn that their popular Church of England chaplain, the Rev. M. W. Howell, M.A., has been promoted Chaplain to the Forces Fourth Class, with effect from the 1st of January last.

The service at which Mr. J. M. Hickson was going to give a short address in St. John's Cathedral to-morrow afternoon has had to be postponed until Monday afternoon at 5.15 owing to Mr. Hickson not being able to arrive here from Canton in time.—*Advt.*

A successful whist drive was held last evening in the Garrison Sergeants' Mess. The fortunate players were as follows:—Ladies.—1st, Mrs. Miles (175); 2nd, Mrs. Wilson (173); 3rd, Miss Conroy (170); highest score in any one half, Mrs. Hill (91). Gents.—1st, Sgt. Millar, R.G.A. (179); 2nd, R.Q.M.S. Miller, Wilts R. (177); 3rd, S. Sgt. Smith, R.E. (174); highest score in any one half, Sgt. Ravenscroft, R.M.L.I. (99). S.Q.M.S. Pryor capably fulfilled the duties of M.C.

Alleged to have been concerned with his brother in a case of larceny by bailiff, occurring on the 22nd January last, when, as foks of a goldsmith's shop at 284, Queen's Road Central, they absconded with jewellery of the value of \$267, entrusted by a customer to their care for conversion into other kinds of jewellery, a Chinese, who was arrested on Monday, was brought up before the Magistrate this morning and charged. A remand was given in consequence of an application from Mr. Farebrother Mason, who appeared for the prosecution.

Of the many fine pictures shown at the Coronet the "Money Changers," screened for the first time yesterday, easily proves its claim to being one of the best. The story centres round the efforts of a newspaper reporter to break through a gang of drug smugglers and white slave traffickers, whose tentacles stretch from the highest pinnacle in society to the most obscure corner of the criminal underworld. As with the case of a play of this theme, wide possibilities were provided for many tense passages, of which the many accomplished artists of the cast availed themselves in some splendid acting. "The Money Changers" is assured of a successful run during the course of the next few days.

THIEVING COOLIES.

Excitement on Board Shinyo Maru.

Four coolies were charged this morning at the Marine Court before Lt. Conway Hake, R.N.R., Marine Magistrate, with being on board the *Shinyo Maru* yesterday without permission.

Sub. Inspector Spear said that on passing the *Shinyo Maru* police whistles were heard and the four defendants were seen running down the gangway. A passenger on board had complained that he had lost \$175. The defendants were searched and \$175 was found in their possession. They had no permission to be on board.

They were each sentenced to two months' hard labour.

same time any means of transport that shortens the period of communication with Europe is welcome, and, taking a wider view, will be still more welcome to our friends in those parts of the Far East which by geographical situation stand to benefit more. In the early days, the dislocation of the Russian railway service is not likely to allow of more than a very limited advantage, but the authorities are stated to be exerting themselves to restore the service as far as possible.

THE FORGERY CASE.

Defendant Discharged.

In the Supreme Court this morning his Lordship, Mr. Justice H. H. J. Gompertz, the Acting Chief Justice, addressed the jury in the case in which Sham Li Sang, of the Kowloon stores, was charged with uttering a forged receipt for \$5,000.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin with Mr. Crew defended and Mr. Dyer Ball with Mr. Blake prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

His Lordship reminded the jury that the evidence had lasted for three days and was somewhat complicated. In starting this case there was one big fact. There was no necessity to consider the law. If they thought that the prisoner filled up personally a blank form with the word "Receipt" they must then find him guilty on all three counts. If on the other hand, they were not satisfied and the Crown had not brought home the charge to the prisoner they must acquit him. If they thought there was reasonable doubt they must acquit the prisoner. The burden of proof was on the Crown.

The burden of proof was also on Mr. Voh Gennep. After the money was paid and the writ issued, the prisoner went to his solicitors and instructed them to sue the Holland Pacific Trading Company for the \$5,000 paid. If the prisoner had gone on with that civil suit the burden of proof was on him to prove that he gave \$5,000. The minute Mr. Van Gennep heard of this case he went over and asked to see the paper. If the money was not paid then the receipt was not genuine. The prosecution said that the receipt was never given and the money never paid. Shortly, the case for the prosecution was that this \$5,000 could not have been paid because it cannot be traced in any accounts kept by the complainant. He had rendered an account and produced his bank books, and the jury must remember that this case did not arise until quite recently, whereas the money was paid over on September 21st. Therefore, if Mr. Van Gennep was an honest business man the jury would expect him to pay in some account. If he were a dishonest man he would keep it and not pay it in. If he is dishonest now he must have been dishonest before. If the complainant did not pay in the money after he received it, he must be dishonest. That was as far as the bank books were concerned. The second point was that when the complainant received the claim for \$5,000 he was not in financial straits. He admitted that he had overdrafts but his bank accounts were fully covered by gold security. The jury must take it on the evidence that at the time when the complainant said he did not receive the money and would prosecute the prisoner he was not driven to it by pecuniary circumstances. Then there was another point which arose on the paper. The complainant had said that he got his typewriter supplies from Ramsay and that he never ordered purple ribbons, although this paper was typed a purple. He also said that he never had any paper of that shape and size; besides there were several mistakes in printing. Then as regards the gum, the gum made it appear as though the paper had come out of the pad.

The complainant explained that the signature was put on the paper after a discussion about Macao business. He was in a hurry and being in a hurry he gave the prisoner a certain number of blank forms, some billed in and some only signed. Mr. Bainbridge stated that he happened to go into the office and saw the complainant signing blank forms and shortly after the complainant came out with a number of forms in his hands. There was one point which was made very strongly against the complainant. It was a very important point and counsel on either side, in bringing anything forward, made them favourable for their own case. Mr. Van Gennep pointed out that although he was plainly a prosecutor his accounts were unsatisfactory. He was fairly replied to by Mr. Dyer Ball that the complainant was not speaking his own native language, and although he might know a language well he might find some difficulty in expressing himself. He was a merchant and a member of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and if the prisoner's

STABBING AFFRAY.

Sequel to Card Party.

The stabbing affray occurring recently in Third Street, in consequence of a gambling dispute, had its sequel at the Police Court this morning, when the complainant, who had recovered from the numerous wounds he sustained in the attack, gave evidence against one of his assailants.

On the 19th instant, it was adduced in evidence given by the complainant, four men met in No. 270 Third Street for a card-party, and complainant, who had been losing on previous occasions, added to the amount of his debts in the course of the game. There were demands made on him for an immediate payment of these debts, and in exasperation he complied, but was so unceremonious as to throw the money on the floor instead of handing it in the ordinary way to the others. Over this incident, there were a few uncomplimentary remarks made. In the result, the two other men and the defendant retired to a back cubicle, leaving the complainant to enjoy a solitary smoke with his long pipe in the sitting room. Meanwhile a secret conference took place in the back room, its purport being made clear a minute later when the three men silently crept back to the sitting room, and, before the complainant could realise his danger, his arms were pinned to his sides, whilst a dagger held in the hand of the defendant, was used on him. The assailants then bolted, with the complainant at their heels, but from loss of blood, he fainted away at a critical moment in the chase. The Police subsequently arrested the defendant, and he was identified as the ringleader of the attack.

Sentence of six months' hard labour and four hours' stocks was inflicted by Mr. Orme at the conclusion of the evidence.

story was accurate, the complainant had committed perjury, and that should make him nervous. The jury should consider all that. It was put to the complainant that it was unbusinesslike to give prisoner blank forms signed, and also if the prisoner were dishonest he could have obtained money without forging the receipt, by selling goods to some one in Macao who did not exist, and he could have done this with a greater sense of safety. If the jury were not satisfied on the evidence, they had a duty to discharge prisoner.

After an absence of about twenty minutes the jury brought in a verdict of "Not Guilty" by 6 to 7.

The prisoner was discharged.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Janet thinks the pictures are an improvement if only they were more in keeping with the reading matter. That's a woman's way of looking at the thing only, way. Of course, she's no' expected to know that sometimes the reading matter's only an excuse for the picture. So long as they hang together somehow, I don't see any reason for folks to start getting excited and begin running round to the office to demand their 10 cents back.

Even when the reading's in order ye canna' always trust to the picture itself. It has been known for lettering to get mixed up before now, wi' the result that a woman wi' a full set of store teeth holding up to public view a couple mangy-looking pups has been recorded as being some actress wi' her darling babies. When it comes to a Court case that in itself is bad enough, though corn in Egypt for the lawyers, but let me tell ye it's an over-ripe banana to a salted peanut that the evidence will show that she's never been married at all. Of course, mind ye, that doesna' mean to say that—er, that actresses—don't like dogs. No, far from it and dirty ones at that if all we read of in the Divorce Courts is true.

Then apart from the reading, the pictures themselves are often misleading. The picture of a prohibitionist would sometimes lead one to think that he'd kept up his early acquaintance with the bottle right on through life, while those of vegetarians at times only need the addition

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Interesting Figures for 1920.

The annual report of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports (Mr. N. L. Smith) was laid on the table of the Legislative Council this afternoon and in it is stated that the net revenue collected from Duties and Licensed Warehouses during 1920 was \$779,795 as compared with \$739,786 for 1919. An analysis shows that duties on European liquors produced \$241,544, Chinese liquors \$530,928, Warehouse Fees \$6,729 and Warehouse Overtime Fees \$593.

The revenue from the Opium Monopoly during 1920 was \$4,317,970 as compared with \$6,803,034 for 1919. The figure for 1918 was almost exactly double that for 1920. The price of \$14.50 per tael was maintained throughout the year.

The number of seizures of illicit opium shows a slight increase over 1919, as does also that of convictions obtained. The total amount of prepared opium seized was nearly three times as great as in 1919.

The net revenue collected under the Tobacco Ordinance was \$631,877.66 as compared with \$618,905.55 for 1919, an increase of \$12,972.11. Tobacco duties remained the same.

The number of permits, etc., issued during the year under the provisions of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance of 1915 was 422,829 and gave some indication of the amount of labour involved in the collection of accurate Trade Statistics where no Customs House machinery is in existence. The figures show on the whole a slight increase over 1919. The working of the Ordinance in question—in its origin purely a war measure—has been modified so as to cause the least possible inconvenience and delay to shippers and importers.

The total trade (excluding Treasure) for 1920 amounted to \$212,302,539 as compared with \$194,594,642 for 1919. Of this Imports were valued at \$103,932,602 (as against \$90,651,708 for 1919), and Exports at \$108,369,937 (as against \$103,942,934 for 1919). The Imports of Treasure for the year totalled \$31,754,334, including \$18,994,688 of gold and \$12,658,538 of silver. The Exports of Treasure for the year were \$45,292,645 including \$31,956,844 of gold and \$12,870,841 of silver.

The net revenue collected by the Department during the year was \$5,729,644.41 a decrease of \$4,434,656.33 as compared with 1919. The decrease in opium sales specified above accounts for all of this reduction.

The actual expenditure of the Department for the year was \$502,114.66 as against \$809,627.24 for 1919 showing a decrease of \$307,512.58.

of a blue and white apron to definitely identify them with the butchering trade, and the full length portrait of a Bishop with his apron on, as often as no, makes him look as like a Highland man in mourning as makes no odds. In the Home picture papers, just on the eve of a big trial, it's a thousand to one chance that ye'd pick out the judge for the prisoner if ye hadna' time to see the description underneath.

Then again lots of our book illustrations look as if the publishers had bought a job lot of sketches, mixed them up wi' the manuscript and told the printer to carry on. It's a blessing that most of them are in black and white anyway and that as a general rule authors are no' strong on monstrosities by way of heroes and heroines. That being so most of the pictures fit in somehow. It would be a bit awkward though if we were to get the hairy blond hero chasing butterflies on the lawn of the old manor when just a chapter ago he'd got his left femur splintered in Flanders. Of course I know there are such things as artificial limbs but this sort o' thing is very apt to make the thoughtful reader more thoughtful still. The lassies in Janet's novels all have regular features and shapely limbs so it's easy money for the artist, provided, of course, he sticks to the fashions and keeps the skirt well below the Filmmoll line.

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TO-DAY'S
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It will be curious to see whether the new leader of the Unionist party in the House of Commons will now achieve at last the distinction of becoming "Mr. Chamberlain." If he succeeds in shedding the "Austen" which is the implied tribute to his father's greater fame it will be one sign of his success in his new position. In some degree, no doubt, he has only himself to blame for the way the world has stuck to the "Austen," for no politician has ever modelled himself outwardly on a greater father to quite the same extent. Where there is a natural difference between the two it is rather to the son's disadvantage. There was something bracing in the "sharpness" of Joseph Chamberlain's appearance. A sense of humour was not strongly inherent in "Joe"; it is curiously lacking in Austen. One of the father's great assets was his voice, an organ remarkably well adapted to his special powers; his son has not inherited that advantage, for his voice is rather rough, without any attraction of modulation. Father and son are really as little alike as were the two Pitts, but Mr. Austen Chamberlain has yet to show, as the younger Pitt showed, that greatness may take different forms even in men of the same blood.

The many estimates of Mr. Bonar Law's career which are being made may possibly be premature should he be restored to full health, but it is not easy to "come back" in politics, and we know at least enough of him to put him into his class. Probably political history will say of him that he took honours, but not the highest honours. He was one of those men—of whom there are many examples in politics—who were very excellent lieutenants, and it is significant that his least successful period was that when, on the front Opposition bench, he faced Mr. Asquith as alternative Premier. It might almost be said of him that he had a genius for the second place. Mr. Asquith paid tribute to the value of

his assistance during the first Coalition; he was invaluable to Mr. Lloyd George in the second Coalition; the objects of his loyalty changed, the instinct of loyalty remained. "I do not want to be Lord High Admiral, but I'll be hanged if I'll be powder monkey," wrote John Morley at one political crisis, and that was very much the attitude of Mr. Bonar Law.

A recent discussion in the High Court on the nutritive value of old boots reminds a writer in the *Observer* of a Spanish prince who had an ill-fitting pair of shoes cut into little bits and sent to the shoemaker to swallow. The fury of outraged royalty seems often to have turned in this direction. When Bernard the Great, Duke of Saxony, learned that he was criticised in some pamphlets, he had the author arrested; and after putting him in the pillory for an hour with one of the objectionable works between his teeth, made him swallow it. Again, in 1668, Philippus Andrea Oldenburger, a well-known German jurist, published a description in Latin of his travels through Germany. This offended his liege lord, and Oldenburger was first soundly flogged and then ordered to eat a copy of his book. It was but a duodecimo, but even so, he found the task beyond his powers, and after swallowing two pages pleaded successfully for a remission of the sentence.

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LAWN TENNIS.

New Doubles Champions.

A huge gathering of spectators assembled on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground last evening to witness the match in the challenge round of the Gents' Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship of the Colony, M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo (holders) meeting R. Hancock and H. Hancock (challengers). The result was a win for the latter pair by three sets to one and 22 games to 16, the set scores reading 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Mr. H. A. Nisbet was the umpire.

It was generally anticipated that the Hancocks would win, by reason of the splendid showing they have made in the tournaments, both being experienced players and their combination being altogether excellent. However, in this match they did not play anything like so well as in their other encounters, and, so far as brilliant tennis goes, the contest was rather disappointing. The first two sets were especially poor, there being few sustained rallies, the ball seldom crossing the net more than twice. The two final sets saw all four men in better form, though it seemed that all of them were conscious of the importance of the tie, with the result that they were over-careful in their play. On the run of play, the Hancocks deserved their win, though they had by no manner of means a walk-over. H. Hancock was the outstanding man of the four, and he has seldom showed up better in the has finer points of the game. He kept the ball wonderfully low and placed with much discretion, occasionally also getting in some useful smashes. His brother did not appear to be able to settle down at all. It was only now and then that he gave glimpses of his true form, whilst more often than not he failed to get in his first service. M. W. Lo, though none too consistent, did some brilliant things. He plays with his head, and his tangent shots across the court won his side many points, whilst at the net he did some excellent work. His partner gave a steady all-round display, making many good recoveries. The Hancocks, however, won by better generalship and more aggressive tactics than their opponents.

M. K. Lo began serving in the opening set with a "double," but this was the only point lost in the first game, which went to the Los. One-all was later called and in the third game the Chinese pair did some good volleying, but they lost the game. Deuce was called in the fourth game, which eventually went to the English pair through a lucky shot by H. Hancock at the net. The other couple took the succeeding game, and Hancocks were now leading 3-2. The Lo brothers did not secure any further games, and thus the Hancocks won the first set 6-2.

Indifferent play marked the early stages of the second set, the first game in which went to the Hancocks. In the next game, R. Hancock got in one of his characteristic smashes, but he was outplayed immediately after, and the Los took the game. M. W. Lo was serving well in the third game, and in the fourth the English pair only got one point, Los now leading 3-1. The Chinese couple lost the next game, but they rallied and at the seventh led by 5-2. Hancocks won another, but they could not stay defeat and lost the set at 3-6.

The third set opened in more promising style, the first game producing a good rally, whilst R. Hancock was playing with more confidence at the net. The first game went to the English pair, and at the end of the fourth the score was 2-all. Hancocks, however, again got away and led at 4-2 and again later at 5-3. They lost the next, but with M. K. Lo serving in the tenth game, 15-40 was called, the opposing pair only wanting a point to win the set. However, M. W. Lo was playing cleverly at the net and 5-all was called. Then the Hancocks took a love game and by also winning the next they got the set at 7-5.

In the final set, the Hancocks got the first game, but the next went to the other pair, M. K. Lo making some fine recoveries and his brother eventually scoring the winning point with a splendid smash. At the third game, the Hancocks led 2-1, and after several deuces they also got the next, as well as the fifth. The sixth went to the Los, but by good placing R. Hancock won the next, thus making the score 5-2 for the English pair. It looked as though

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the match would now end, for "love-30" was called on M. K. Lo's service, but after both the Hancocks had found the net in succession M. W. Lo went in for placing and won the game. The score was now 5-3 in Hancocks' favour and they took the next game easily and with it wrested the title from the Chinese pair.

At the presentation of prizes Mr. R. Hancock, president of the H.K.C.C., expressed the Club's sense of the honour Miss Kirkpatrick did them in attending to distribute the trophies. They must all admit that it had been a very successful tournament, with record entries, and thanks to the clerk of the weather they had only been delayed a week by rain. The outstanding feature of the tournament, he thought, had been the play in the Singles Championship of Mr. Ng Sze-kwong. His game when he defeated Mr. Lo in the final on Monday was, Mr. Hancock thought, as fine an exhibition of singles lawn tennis as they had seen on those courts for many years. (Applause). They heartily congratulated Mr. Ng Sze-kwong on having won the open championship cup for the fourth time. It was up to some of the young men in the Colony now to get busy and practise and lower his colours. Another who deserved mention was Mr. Penman, who had been in very nearly every Semi-final and in three finals. His pluck and determination during some of the hot days they had had were very fine. Mr. Hancock paid a tribute to Mr. H. A. Nisbet for keeping the players up to time, a very uncomfortable task, and for his capable service as umpire. (Applause); also to L. S. Greenhill, the Hon. Secretary, who had been indefatigable. (Applause).

Miss Kirkpatrick handed the prizes to the following:
Open Championship Singles, cup presented by Sir Robert Ho Tung, unfortunately not yet arrived, souvenir cup to winner, Ng Sze-kwong; Runner-up, M. K. Lo.

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Miss Jeannette Sherwin, who has delighted Hongkong audiences throughout the entire Waring season, played the part of Ann with a freshness and vivacity that instantly made for success and she was the recipient of very hearty compliments. Mr. Charles Quartermaine, as the novelist, was the other principal on whom a great deal rested and, in the hands of so accomplished an actor, the role was filled to perfection. Mention should also be made of Mr. Frank Vosper, as the Dean of Milchester, Miss Alys Ross, as Mrs. Hargreaves, Miss May Hallett as Evangeline and Mr. James Jolley as "Billy," all of whom ably co-operated to make the closing play one of the most enjoyed of the series.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

"The Scarlet Shadow."

The above theatre is running until Friday night a fine comedy drama entitled "The Scarlet Shadow." The heroine, Elena Evans, is a young girl reared under the close scrutiny of her Aunt Alvira. The latter chances upon the girl one day indulging in a harmless flirtation with a youth, over one of the garden walls. She reprimands Elena severely, but the latter goes out one evening to a picture show with her admirer, Van Presby. The aunt later catches the young man in the house and insists that he marry the girl, taking the quixotic attitude that her honour has been compromised. Van's uncle, Harvey Presby, prevents this hurried match, and takes the girl to the home of Van's mother, Edith Presby. Mrs. Presby receives the girl and packs Van off to college. Later she finds that Uncle Harvey has developed a strong interest in the girl and lays plans to marry her off to a portly man, named Joseph Fleming, as she herself is in love with uncle Harvey. On the evening of the proposed wedding, Elena suddenly rebels and refuses to marry Fleming. Van has returned from college and tries to take advantage of the girl, but uncle Harvey comes to the rescue and marries her himself.

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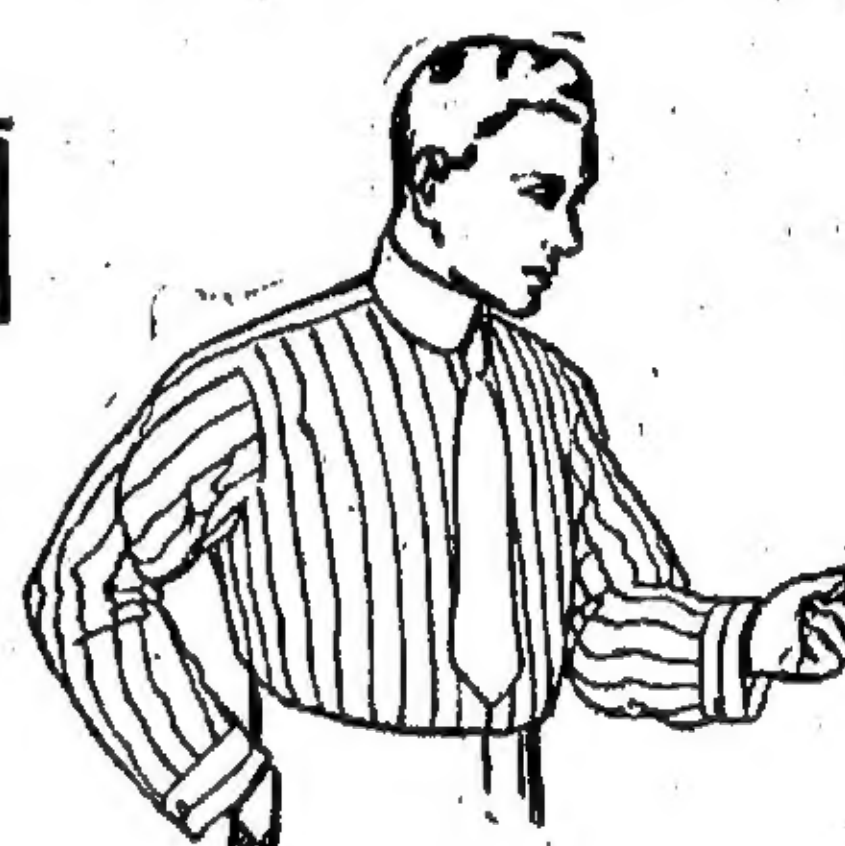
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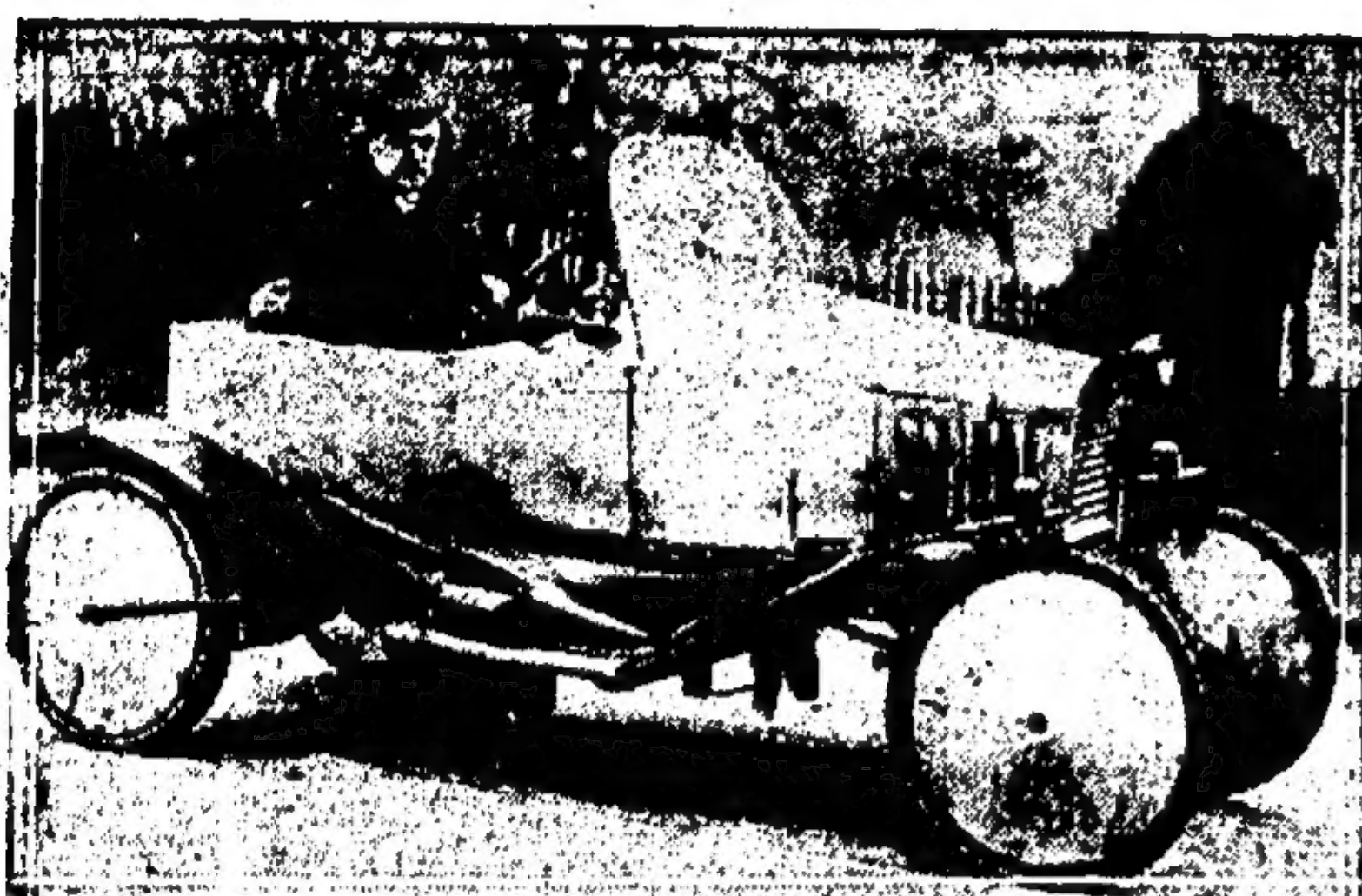
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Julia Marlowe, famous co-star in Shakespearean repertoire with her husband, E. H. Sothorn, has received the honorary degree of doctor of law from the University of Washington.



Here are some of the American polo ponies which are to compete in the international matches in England in June.



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Reid, Hongkong Club (4), from Kobe.
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Gaendako, from Osaka.
Sackon, from Omota.
Young Size E. q. 94 Hollywood Road, 1st Floor, from Amoy.
Thongyak, from Shanghai.
Seewesong, from Amoy.
Manwoo, from Shanghai.
Yuenchingtai, from Shanghai.
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Kwongontai, from Shanghai.
Yeuntifu Great Eastern Hotel, from Shanghai.
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TH. KRING.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 21, 1921.

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Jessie Hughes Statebank, from Hanoi.
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Tyree, from Perthwa.

M. E. F. AIREY.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, April 14, 1921.

NEW SINO-BELGIAN LINE.

A new Sino-Belgian steamship company has been established by the Belgian Royal Lloyd Company. Four vessels are now under construction for the service, which will maintain regular sailings between Shanghai and Antwerp, Rotterdam and Hamburg.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

DUTCH PETROLEUM CO. INCREASES CAPITAL.

The Royal Dutch Petroleum Company has decided to increase the capital of the company from 400 to 600 million florins. The President declares that there is not the slightest fear of competition.

A SPOT COTTON YARN EXCHANGE.

The long-continued commercial depression in Japan has completely destroyed "future" transactions in cottons. Considering that it is necessary to endeavour to obtain a balance between demand and supply and thus meet the development of the times, the Cotton interests have been putting their heads together as to the establishment of a Spot Cotton Yarn Exchange. It seems that the fact that the Bill for the exchange Acts was shelved in the Diet has served to make the matter more pressing. The Sampo Exchange in Osaka will shortly dispatch its delegates to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, and will probably draw up a concrete plan.

GALVANISED SHEETS.

A large and well-known manufacturer is of opinion that we are on the eve of a great world demand for galvanized corrugated sheets, states *Shipping and Engineering Shanghai*. Many buildings in the United Kingdom must be sheeted without further delay, while tens of thousands of iron roofs and sheds all over the world are in a dilapidated condition. To-day's prices, he says, are pounds below actual cost of production and even should fuel, steel billets and labour fall still further, there is no possibility of galvanized iron prices remaining much longer at present low levels. Galvanizing spelter is becoming somewhat scarce and, with an improved demand from sheet makers, there will undoubtedly be a sharp advance in price. It is generally admitted that the downward movement in prices of galvanized sheets has been overdone, but it is to be hoped that the upward reaction will not be too great. There will probably be a concerted movement on the part of makers to try to steady prices. Consumers and merchants could prevent a runaway market by anticipating their requirements now. He is of opinion that merchants, who have adopted the "wait and see" policy, will wait too long, and then when the upward movement begins there will be the usual scramble to place orders and thus play into the maker's hands.

THE VOLSTED ACT!

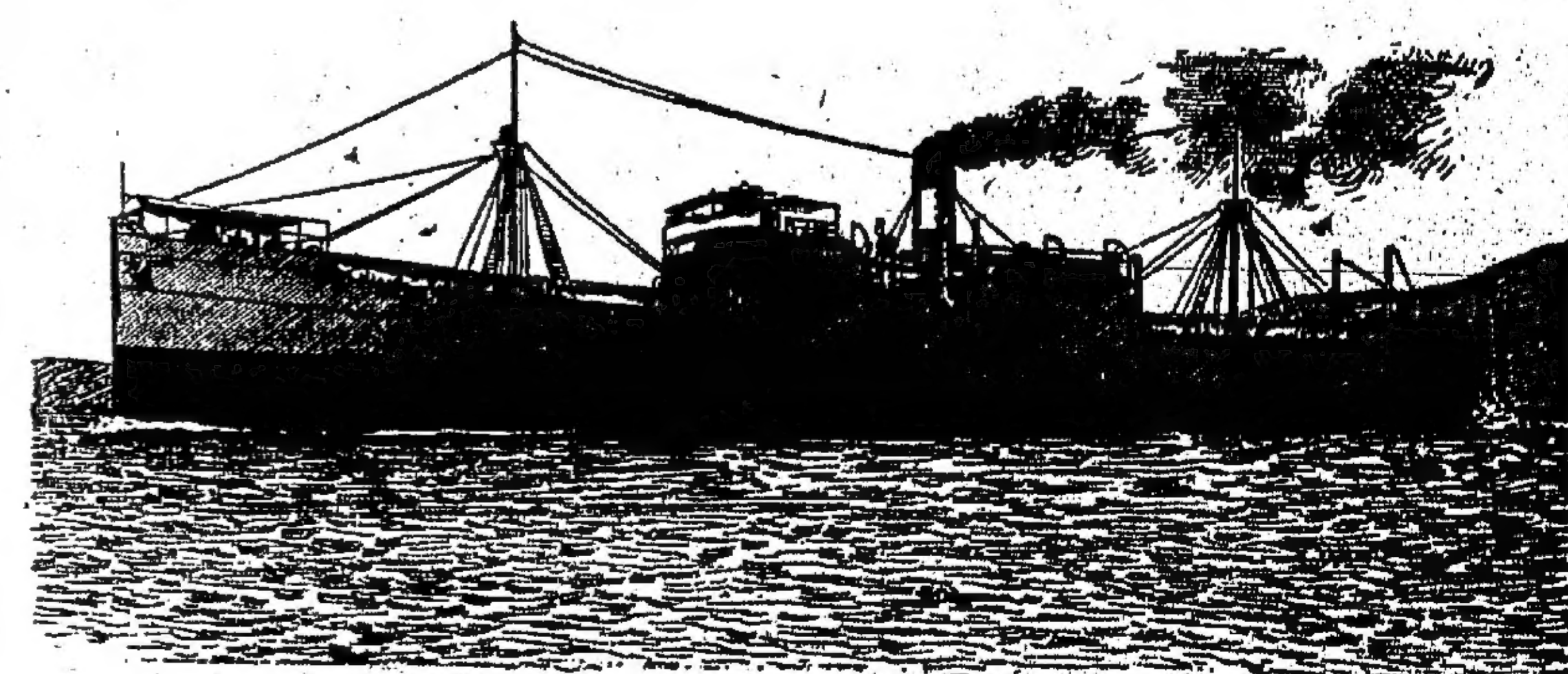
A Home journal states that every ship of a certain line sailing from Glasgow to the United States for a year back has carried over 20,000 cases of "Scotch," and on one occasion a vessel had over 40,000 cases.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
SOUDAN	7,000	30 Apr. 11 a.m.	M'les, London & Antwerp.
DILWARA	5,378	10th May	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay.
NAGOYA	7,000	13th May	M'les, London & Antwerp.
PLASSY	7,400	11th July	M'les, London & Antwerp.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

TAKADA	7,000	9th May	Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

KANOWNA	7,000	6th May	Melbourne via Sandakan.
ST. ALBANS	5,000	25th May	Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.

Calls Hoio Omits Sandakan.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

JAPAN	6,000	28 Apr. 9 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe.
ST. ALBANS	5,000	7th May	Japan direct.

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KATORI MARU... Friday, 17th June, at 11 a.m.

KASHIMA MARU (Omitting Manila) Tuesday, 12th July, at 11 a.m.

LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez Port Said & Marseilles.

INABA MARU... Friday, 29th April, at 11 a.m.

KAMO MARU... Friday, 13th May, at 11 a.m.

IYO MARU... Friday, 27th May, at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG, LONDON, HULL & ROTTERDAM.

MAISUYE MARU... Friday, 29th April.

LIVERPOOL & MARSEILLES via Suez.

MELBOURNE & SYDNEY via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

AKI MARU... Tuesday, 17th May, at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU... Tuesday, 21st June, at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK via Suez.

YAMAGATA MARU... Middle of May.

SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via Cape.

KAWACHI MARU... Beginning of May.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

HAKATA MARU... Tuesday, 3rd May.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

TOSA MARU... Thursday, 5th May.

JAPAN PORTS - Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TANGO MARU... Tuesday, 17th May, at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

ATSUTA MARU... Thursday, 29th April, at 11 a.m.

MALACCA MARU... Thursday, 28th April.

LIMA MARU... Friday, 29th April.

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JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tjisalak	Java	loading	3rd May	Java
Tjiuwong	Java	in port	3rd May	Shanghai
Tjikini	Java	8th May	11th May	Shanghai
Tjieboet	Java	8th May	21st May	Java

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FOR SHANGHAI.

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TO

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Steamer.	Sailing.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG... "KASENKA"	6th May.
"KATUNA"	25th May.

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"GLENLYLE"	9th May.

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Vessel.	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
"GLENIFFER"	about 28th May.	GENOA, LONDON & R'DAM.

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SHANGHAI via Ningpo	Hopsang	Sat., 30th Apr. at	d'light.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Wingsang	Sun., 1st May at	d'light.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Keonao	Sun., 1st May at	d'light.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Kwonesang	Tues., 3rd May at	d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Yatsing	Tues., 3rd May at	3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Loksang	Wed., 4th May at	9 a.m.
TIENTSIN	Cheongshing	Thur., 5th May at	d'light.
SHAI & T'au via S'ow	Choysang	Thur., 5th May at	d'light.

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For	Steamers.	To Sail.
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CHWANG & TIENTSIN	Pulchow	30th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Chenau	30th Apr. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Kanchow	3rd Apr. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, SHAI & PUKOW	Sinkang	3rd Apr. at noon.
SHANGHAI	Sunning	5th Apr. at noon.
H'HOW, PHOI & H'PHONG	Ka'long	8th Apr. at 10 a.m.

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S.S. "Samarang Maru" sailing end of May.

FOR JAPAN.

Ports of call:—Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.

S.S. "Samarang Maru" sailing on or about 3rd May.

S.S. "Borneo Maru" sailing middle of May.

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No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

SHIPPING NEWS.

EX-GERMAN VESSELS.

The ex-German steamers Tea Pao and Kwong Eng, which have been acquired by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. as additions to their coastal fleet will, it is understood, be renamed the Lee Sang and Ming Sang respectively. The change of name will not be effected in the immediate future, as certain formalities have yet to be carried out.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA LINE.

Though without a fleet to-day owing to war losses, the German-East Africa line is taking steps to renew its old service. It has just built one cargo steamer of 9,500 tons, and has two others nearly completed. The company's capital is being raised from 10,000,000 marks to 20,000,000 marks, and a 50 years' working arrangement with the Woermann line is being negotiated.

CUNARD PROGRAMME.

The extended nature of the operations of the Cunard and its associated lines has naturally necessitated a big building programme. At present over 300,000 tons of new shipping are under construction, the Cunard Line's own quota representing 200,000 tons comprised in 13 oil-burning ships. The first of the Cunard's new fleet of post-war steamers to be commissioned is the Albion, whose initial voyage was from Liverpool to New York.

U. S. TONNAGE.

A message from New York states that over 500 vessels of the Government's mercantile fleet are now tied up and idle, and a few score are operating privately, but under the authority of the Shipping Board have gone into receivership. In reviewing the situation the New York Times says: "We are in the quicksand up to our knees, and the question is whether we shall sink to our necks or save our legs by pulling our feet out of their shoes."

CARGO PILLAGE.

The annual report of the Liverpool Underwriters' Association contains some pregnant remarks with regard to the causes of theft and pilferage, which evils, as is well known, have grown to an alarming degree not only in Great Britain but all over the world. This is attributed to slackening of precautions in regard to the supervision of cargo in transit. The committee of the belief that there will be no diminution of these evils until sufficient supervision is exercised.

WIRELESS OPERATORS.

The seafarer, right from the captain to the lowest rating of crew, says the Journal of Commerce, is indignant at the suggestion of substitution of inefficient watchers for wireless-trained operators, fully recognizing the danger that may arise not only to their own ship, but to any other vessel in distress. In view of this strong feeling it was decided at one of the meetings of the Seafarers' Joint Council to appoint a deputation to place the matter before the Board of Trade, Mr. H. Wood, Secretary to the Marine Department of the B.O.T., after giving the deputation a very sympathetic hearing, pointed out that the abolition of wireless watchers would mean a question of amending the Wireless Shipping Act, and he considered this a rather difficult question. He was, however, prepared to give the matter most careful consideration.

THE INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Both in Great Britain and in the United States the internal combustion engine is making marked progress, but less relatively than the geared turbine. Only 10 ocean-going motor-ships (as distinguished from coasters and other small craft) were launched in the United Kingdom during 1920. Of these seven were built by Messrs. Harland & Wolff. Less than half-a-dozen larger motor-propelled vessels can be discovered in the available returns of American shipbuilding during the year, and these were almost all oil-burners. It is evident that two thin are militating against the general adoption of the internal combustion engine for marine purposes—(1) the outstanding success of the geared turbine, and (2) the danger of a scarcity in supplies of oil. The second condition is also preventing the extension of the use of oil fuel for steam-raising purposes, but this does not mean, as is often supposed, that the burning of oil under boilers is in itself uneconomical, and has as its natural conclusion the use of this fuel in internal combustion engines. Shipping and Engineering (Shanghai).

